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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No. 3 month
DBS-38-A

In Re Application Of: **Paul M. Defourny and Fereidoun Abbassian**

*Ext of time
1/29/00
2/29/00*

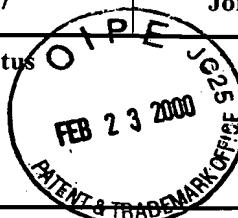
Serial No.
08/696,986

Filing Date
March 3, 1997

Examiner
Jong-Suk (James) Lee

Group Art Unit
3673

Invention: **Drilling Bit Assembly and Apparatus**



TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 9/7/99 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: December 7, 1999
Date

until: March 7, 2000
Date

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 3 - | 20 = | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 - | 5 = | 0 | x \$78.00 | \$0.00 |
| FEES FOR AMENDMENT | | | | | \$0.00 |
| FEES FOR EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | | \$870.00 |
| TOTAL FEES FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | | \$870.00 |

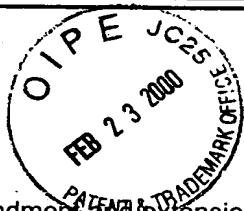
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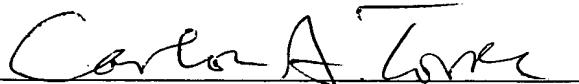
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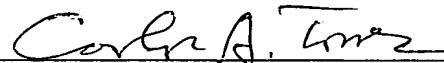
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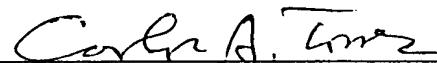

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